

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Singh

Serial No.: 10/688,676 (Conf. #2568)

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For: TREATMENT OF DRY EYE BY
RESTORING 15-LIPOXYGENASE
ACTIVITY TO OCULAR SURFACE
CELLS

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 8, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed March 8, 2006 for which the three-month date for response was June 8, 2006.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to September 8, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.
The **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.
There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.